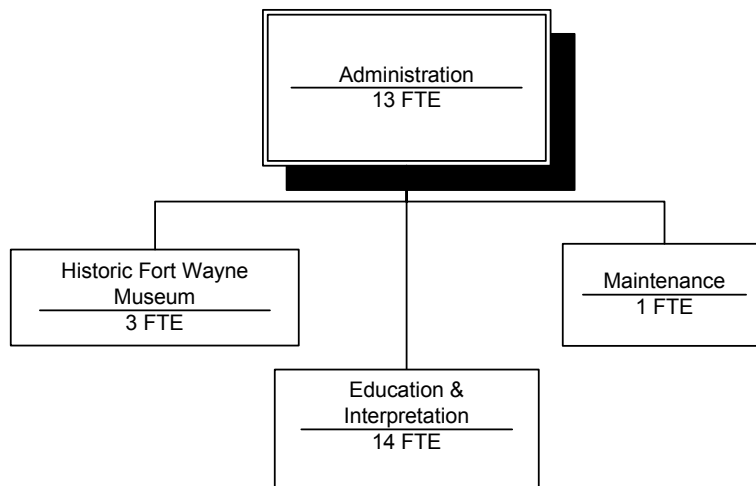


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AGENCY MISSION

The mission of the Detroit Historical Museum is to preserve and present the history of the Metropolitan Detroit region in real, tangible and vibrant ways which recognize and explain our shared past as the foundation for our future for residents, school children and tourists.

The mission is accomplished through exhibitions and educational programs based upon the museums' large collection of original artifacts and a variety of interpretive techniques. Over 302,945 visitors benefited from the museums in FY 2003-04, including 118,415 school children.

CURRENT FACILITIES

The Detroit Historical Department operates five sites:

- **Detroit Historical Museum**

The main museum is located at 5401 Woodward Avenue. This museum was built in 1951 and contains 78,900 square feet of exhibition and office space. The building is generally in good condition; however, it lacks modern gallery space and areas for interactive educational programs. In spring 2001, \$1.25 million in State of Michigan and private funds was used to enhance the Woodward Avenue plaza. In 2002 the Department entered into a contract of lease with the Detroit Building Authority who awarded a contract to SDG Design for the design of an expansion of the Museum. This addition to the building will extend it to Cass Avenue and enhance interpretation, education and visitor service. To increase public visibility and accessibility the Museum must upgrade its main building in both size and appearance. The proposed expansion will make a dramatic statement on the

vitality of the Cultural Center and the city's urban core.

- **Collections Resource Center**

This Center is currently housed at Historic Fort Wayne (HFW) and serves as our collections storage and conservation facility. It was built in 1990 and consists of 27,000 sq. ft. of climate-controlled space in a World War II-era block building. It houses our most fragile artifacts but is not large enough to accommodate most of the collections which are dispersed in other buildings at the Fort, most of which have no climate control. Expansion of our collections storage capacity is a high priority since it is at the core of our mission to preserve the physical remnants of the city's past. The lack of adequate storage space prevents us from acquiring items if those items cannot be cared for adequately. In 2004 the Department committed \$500,000 of capital funds and entered into a contract of lease with the Detroit Building Authority to obtain the services of an architectural and engineering firm. This firm will prepare construction plans and specifications for renovation and expansion of the existing buildings and construction of a new addition at the existing location. This renovation and addition will double the current storage capacity and provide space for the "Arsenal of Democracy" museum.

- **Historic Fort Wayne**

Historic Fort Wayne built in 1842, is comprised of 83 acres with 42 buildings located on West Jefferson at the foot of Livernois. It is the only remaining nineteenth century fort in Michigan. The potential for the development of this site as a major park and museum facility is enormous but capital requirements and scheduling are still indeterminate. The

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department used State funds to contract with The Smith Group of Detroit to develop a Master Plan for the project, including an historic structures report, restoration plan and cost estimate. The project is likely to take 5-10 years with a city investment of \$5 to \$7 million being used to leverage \$2-\$3 million a year in Federal, State and local government funding and additional private capital. The recently completed master plan estimates a cost of \$75-\$80M for complete restoration of the Fort. The department in association with the Detroit Historical Society has successfully received a \$2,000,000 commitment from Wayne County Parks and Recreation to renovate one of the buildings by adding ADA accessible rest rooms as well as to provide some upgrades to the grounds and perimeter of the Star Fort. The department continues to explore means through which it can work together with the community and private sector partners to secure the necessary capital funds to restore the buildings and create viable museum, recreational and other activities at the Fort.

- **Dossin Great Lakes Museum**

This facility and its programs have a steady but rather modest attendance. It is the only museum in southeastern Michigan to interpret Great Lakes maritime history. It attracts a devoted following of ship enthusiasts and its transportation themes fit into school curricula quite well. To fully realize its potential the department together with its stakeholders will develop a strategic plan. This plan will examine the potential for expansion or relocation on Belle Isle. Capital investment will create opportunities for revenue enhancement as well as the impetus to add new

permanent interactive exhibits to its critical mass and make the necessary improvements to completely comply with requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Private supporters have expressed a strong interest in expanding museum galleries to allow the display of boats, engines and other large objects and improving visitor services such as the gift shop, restrooms, classrooms and library. Currently, There are no funds currently in the capital budget for improvements to the Belle Isle facility. Future capital funds will be used for planning in concert with the Planning and Development, Recreation and Zoo departments.

- **Historical Moross House**

The Historic Moross House was built in 1843-48. It is the oldest surviving brick house in Detroit and is located at 1460 E. Jefferson. Until the current fiscal year, it was leased for a nominal amount to the Detroit Garden Center, Inc. and maintained through a small allocation in the Museum's operating budget combined with a small endowment for upkeep. The Historical Department is now seeking a tenant that has the financial capability of leasing the space at market rate. Now that the roof has been replaced with a new standing seam metal roof estimated to last 50 years, there are no further capital funds for this facility.

No Detroit Historical Museum facilities are located in the Empowerment Zone. However, both the Detroit Historical Museum and Historic Fort Wayne are directly adjacent to the zone.

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FIVE YEAR HISTORY

In the past 20 years the Detroit Historical Museum has invested capital funds in facility improvements that were designed to improve care for collections and public service. The largest of these was the \$2.5 million renovation of the Collections Resource Center at Historic Fort Wayne for the storage of historic artifacts. This renovation was intended as Phase I of a multi-phase collection storage improvement plan.

In 1999 funds were invested in the museum's main site in the Cultural Center for the HVAC system, which was renovated at a cost of \$1,600,000. The Museum has also been able to improve facilities by incorporating minor gallery improvements into exhibition budgets.

1996-2001 Private Investments

Private investment has come from several sources. In 1994 the Detroit Public Schools upgraded a building at Historic Fort Wayne for a public school and in 1995 the Detroit Historical Society raised \$2.2 million for *Motor City*, a permanent exhibit. In 1997 the Detroit Historical Society raised an additional \$360,000 for renovations of *Frontiers to Factories*, and the Society and the Great Lakes Maritime Institute raised \$30,000 for the exhibition - *Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes*. In 1999 and 2000 the Museum received \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 grants from the State of Michigan through Art, Culture and Quality of Life appropriations. These funds were used to create a Master Plan for Historic Fort Wayne and the recently completed reconstruction of the Woodward Avenue exterior streetscape of our main building. In 2001, \$750,000 in private funds was used to renovate the *Streets of Old Detroit* exhibit and its gallery space in celebration of the City's tricentennial.

Only private support for permanent exhibitions or facilities improvements is included here. Additional private support for temporary exhibitions, events and programs is on going.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Improvements

Both public and private funds have improved accessibility for hearing-impaired visitors, and additional gallery seating has been added in many areas. In 1998 the Museum worked with advisors from Very Special Arts-Michigan to critique the Detroit Historical Museum and identify areas for improvement. Since that time, many of the group's recommendations were implemented. The Historical Department was appropriated \$650,000 in its FY2004-05 budget to make the necessary additional improvements to bring its facilities in compliance with the American with Disabilities Act. The department has utilized its existing contract of lease with the Detroit Building Authority to secure the services of an architectural firm to develop construction documents for this project, beginning with the construction of new accessible restrooms on the main level of the museum.

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FIVE YEAR HISTORY

Year	Description	Cash Capital	State Grant	Private Funds	Total
1999-2000	HVAC system at DHM	\$1,600,000			\$1,600,000
2000	Woodward Plaza	\$ 85,000	\$1,000,000	\$ 200,000	\$1,285,000
2001-2002	Car Storage Roof and Skylights	\$ 189,903			\$ 189,903
2002	Moross House Roof	\$ 25,800			\$ 25,800
2003-2004	Post Guardhouse and Theater Roofs, New Chillers and A/C units, Parade Ground Lighting, Fort Wayne	\$ 269,554			\$ 269,554
Total		\$2,170,257	\$1,500,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 3,870,257
Percentages		56%	39%	5%	100%

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PROPOSED FIVE YEAR PLAN

The capital requests include four categories of projects:

Priority 1 – Expansion and improvements to the Detroit Historical Museum. The design and construction of an addition of approximately 110,000 sq. ft. will include new galleries and permanent exhibits. New exhibit space would be devoted to the 20th century, to Detroit's diverse cultural and ethnic population and to the city's physical growth and development. These are themes that would expand and broaden our current audience. The Detroit Historical Society will conduct a major Capital Campaign to raise an estimated \$35 million from private sources. In November 2001 voters authorized the issuance of \$20 million in General Obligation bonds specifically earmarked for this project. Seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) were appropriated for FY2002-03 for preliminary architectural and exhibit design services. An additional \$2.2 million was appropriated in FY2003-04 for continuation of this phase of the project. Additional funds are needed in for the completion of design work and beginning construction.

Priority 2 – Expansion of the Collections Resource Center at Historic Fort Wayne. Funds would be used to renovate and expand the existing buildings and to construct a new building addition at the existing location. This renovation and addition will double the current storage capacity and provide space for the "Arsenal of Democracy" museum. At present, 50% of the collection is stored in buildings at Fort Wayne that are scheduled for renovation and adaptive re-use by the private sector. Completion of an expanded Collections Resource Center will provide safe storage for these

artifacts, including the historic automobiles that are currently on loan to museums in other states just to provide adequate climate control. An expanded facility will provide support for conservation efforts to prepare artifacts for display in the new galleries of the Main building as well as provide space for the planned "Arsenal of Democracy" museum. In November 2000 voters authorized the issuance of \$6 million in General Obligation Bonds for this project.

The department was appropriated \$1,000,000 of these funds in FY2004-05. It has committed \$500,000 to its contract of lease with the Detroit Building Authority to contract with an architectural/engineering firm. The balance of the current year's appropriation will be used to update the HVAC system controls and install stand-by emergency power generators at this facility.

Priority 3 – The multi-phase project to renovate Historic Fort Wayne as a park and museums facility began in FY2001 with Phase I & II environmental studies of the site and the production of historic structures reports on the 44 buildings. In FY2002 city funds, matched by other local, state and Federal funding will support the commencement of rehabilitation of several buildings including the 1845 Star Fort and 1865 Barracks. Continuing restoration of the remainder of the buildings for museum and recreation uses is a goal of the department. Funds for the design and installation of military history exhibits in five buildings are estimated at \$5 million. Total cost of this long-term project is estimated at \$25-\$30 million and depends on the collaboration of Wayne County, State of Michigan and U.S. Government.

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Priority 4 – Planning for the expansion and/or relocation of the Dossin Great Lakes Museum is currently in its early stages. The building and its location are limiting factors in the growth of attendance and programs. Planning funds and coordination with other agencies' plans for Belle Isle are needed to guide development. The Department is seeking capital funds to develop a new master plan.

CAPITAL RELATIONSHIPS: INTERDEPARTMENTAL AND KEY STAKEHOLDERS

City agencies and departments will be involved as follows:

Expansion and Re-landscaping of the Historical Museum

The construction of a major, 110,000 sq. ft. addition to the DHM will require close coordination with the Planning and Development Department and Department of Transportation. The project will entail the partial vacation of Kirby Street and the creation of a pedestrian mall between the DHM and the Detroit Public Library. The department is currently preparing an application for the Transportation Enhancement Act 21st Century grant to be submitted to the Detroit Department of Transportation. This is a \$5 million grant with \$5 million local match that will be used for four transportation-related exhibits planned for the expanded museum. The local match for this grant is part of the \$20M currently programmed for the museum expansion.

Expansion at the Collections Resource Center

The Department will work with the Detroit Building Authority, City Engineering and the Department of

Buildings and Safety Engineering to aid in administration of contracts to expand the existing Collections Resource Center.

Restoration of Buildings and reopening of Historic Fort Wayne

The Museum has successfully entered into an agreement with the Wayne County Parks. This project is key to facilitating support from other groups to work towards the larger goal of redeveloping the entire Fort. Collaboration with the Planning and Development Department will be necessary to insure that the benefits of this investment spills over and is not jeopardized by the redevelopment of the surrounding area. We are working closely with the Recreation Department, Planning and Development and Department of Public Lighting.

Expansion and Landscaping of Dossin Great Lakes Museum

The Museum is working with the Department of Recreation on the larger master plan for the redevelopment of Belle Isle. The expansion and landscaping is an integral part of this project. We have also inquired of the Planning Department on the possibility of relocating the Dossin to another site.

GOALS FOR THE CAPITAL PROGRAM

The department's Goals, Measures and Targets have been revised to conform to the Mayor's Kids, Cops and Clean campaign. Knowledge of the past and how it helped shape present-day Detroit provides our visitors with pride and incentive for neighborhood preservation and renewal, economic development, cultural tourism and civic improvements. Upgrading and expanding our facilities

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will enable us to deliver more services to a larger, more diverse audience and enhance the viability of the neighborhoods and regions in which they are located. None of these facilities have had significant investments in the last thirty years and are in need of redevelopment. City commitment of capital funds will attract matching funds from other private and public sources on a ratio of 2 or 3 to 1.

1. Expansion of the Detroit Historical Museum on Woodward

The expansion would be expected to more than double annual attendance and add to the Cultural Center's image and overall stature of the City.

2. Expansion to the Collections Resource Center

The expansion of the Collections Resource Center is directly related to the Mayor's priorities in that it will enable us to support the exhibitions and programs that provide quality customer services to students and the public.

3. Restoration and development of Historic Fort Wayne

The redevelopment of Historic Fort Wayne will make a major impact on the ongoing revitalization of Southwestern Detroit by drawing a regional audience. When completely redeveloped, HFW will provide recreational facilities and historical museums in a clean, safe environment. As the various buildings on the site are remodeled, the Fort will provide spaces for community activities, offices for non-profit organizations and a site for major recreational events. All of these uses have been discussed with community organizations, Wayne County Parks and other stakeholders

and have received their support. Successful redevelopment will greatly enhance the surrounding area for residential, business and commercial revitalization.

4. Expansion and Landscaping of Dossin Great Lakes Museum

The Museum is working with the Department of Recreation, the Great Lakes Maritime Institute, the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, the Detroit-Wayne County Port Authority and other stakeholders to plan the future of this Museum. Important factors like the implementation schedule for the redevelopment of Belle Isle, the possibility of relocation of the Dossin to the East Riverfront and the availability of funding will enter into a strategic vision for the Museum.

5. Moross House

The Historical Department is working on a plan to lease this facility to a market-rate tenant while preserving its historical nature through legal restrictions on maintenance and improvements. There are no plans to interpret it as a historic site.

RATIONAL FOR CAPITAL PROGRAM

The proposed capital program is a combination of proper care for the City's assets and the enhancements of those assets to attract more public use and support of the City's growth and development. Expansion of our museum buildings, historic structures and collections will enable the Museum to support additional educational programs and exhibitions for school children and adults. This will attract substantial investment to the city, stabilize each respective neighborhood and attract tourists to the region as well as residents.

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It will also greatly enhance the citizens' pride in their community and Detroit's status as a destination city.

The Detroit Historical Museums have shown extraordinary resilience since the drastic State budget cuts of 1991. We have increased our private support, increased our collaborations with other institutions and agencies and have improved our exhibits, educational programs and public programs. Despite the tragic events of September 11, 2001 we continue to increase our attendance and reach out to under-served audiences across the state. Our educational programs are designed to assist educators with preparing students for the MEAP tests and are consistently rated by educators as some of the best available from history museums anywhere. We routinely receive awards for our programs and have a track record for delivering excellent services at bargain prices.

The proposed projects balance the need to take care of our assets with significant improvements for the quality of life in Detroit. These capital improvements ensure that the city preserves the past and shares it with the community in order to prepare for the future in keeping with the mission of the Historical Department. The expanded Historical Museum, Collections Center and a redeveloped Historic Fort Wayne will provide Detroit with a group of cultural attractions unmatched anywhere in the Country.

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Detroit Historical Museum –Building & Exhibit Expansion

Construction of a new wing would add over 100,00 sq. ft. of new gallery space for permanent and changing exhibits, would be expected to more than double the museum's annual attendance and would add to the Cultural Center's image as a premier destination for arts, culture and education. Supporters of the Detroit Historical Museum and the Detroit Historical Society are enthusiastic and committed to raising the funds to augment the city's support for this highly visible project. Funding is needed to complete design work.

2005-06	\$ 3,000,000	Private Funds
2006-07	5,000,000	Private Funds
	5,000,000	Other Sources
2007-08	1,000,000	General Obligation Bonds
	5,000,000	Private Funds
	5,000,000	Other Sources
2008-09	1,000,000	General Obligation Bonds
	5,000,000	Private Funds
	5,000,000	Other Sources
2009-10	5,000,000	Private Funds
	5,000,000	Other Sources
	18,000,000	Unprogrammed

Collections Resource Center- Planning and Construction

The first priority of this project is to improve the storage of the city-owned historic artifact collection. In addition, when a new facility is completed, the curatorial staff and the artifacts will be more available for exhibit development and program use. The City has the responsibility of caring for these historical gifts in a manner that meets museum standards. This expansion is essential to carrying out this responsibility and will demonstrate to potential donors that their antique artifacts will be preserved for future generations. The Museum is planning to continue to renovate and provide climate control in several existing buildings and to build a 150,000 sq.ft. addition to the existing facility.

2007-08	\$ 500,000	General Obligation Bond
	4,500,000	Unprogrammed

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Historic Fort Wayne

The preservation of Historic Fort Wayne is of great interest to many. The department is currently developing partnerships to assist in this endeavor. Current estimates indicate that at least \$30 million must be invested in the next seven to ten years to give Historic Fort Wayne the critical mass to accomplish these goals. Ten million dollars (10,000,000) will be needed to restore the Star Fort and other Museum buildings and install new permanent exhibits on Detroit's military history and its role as the *Arsenal of Democracy*. This would then be matched by \$20-25 million in county, State and Federal funding for infrastructure renewal, park and recreation development and private uses such as commercial and office space. State funding of \$500,000 was used in the current year's budget to create preliminary plans and cost estimates for the project.

2005-06	\$ 2,000,000	Other Sources
2006-07	12,000,000	Other Sources
2007-08	7,000,000	Other Sources
2008-09	1,000,000	Other Sources
2009-10	500,000	General Obligation Bond
	9,500,000	Unprogrammed

Dossin Museum – Expansion and Landscaping

Activities at the DGLM are currently limited due to the physical size and configuration of the buildings. By increasing the programmatic space inside the Museum and, improving the interpretative message outside the building, the department can add exhibits and programs to help the community understand the heritage of the Detroit River and the Great Lakes. A new Master Plan is needed for the Dossin. The Department is requesting \$150,000 in Cash Capital for the development of this plan in FY2005-06.

2005-06	\$ 150,000	Cash Capital
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City of Detroit
Proposed Capital Agenda
FY 2005-06 through 2009-10

Detroit Historical Museum

	<i>Project Status</i>	<i>Timeline</i>	<i>Impact on Budget</i>	<i>Impact on Staffing</i>	<i>Impact on Budget</i>	<i>Funding Source</i>	<i>Auth Unissued</i>	<i>Budget 2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>	<i>2009-10</i>	<i>Un- Program</i>	<i>Rec. 5-Year Plan Total</i>
ADA Improvements - Historical	M	O	NOI	NSI		G.O.		\$500							\$0
Detroit Historical Museum - Building & Exhibit Expansion	N	U	AF	AS		G.O.	\$17,200				\$1,000	\$1,000		\$18,000	\$2,000
Detroit Historical Museum - Building & Exhibit Expansion	N	U	AF	AS		P.F.			\$3,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		\$23,000
Detroit Historical Museum - Building & Exhibit Expansion	N	U	AF	AS		O.S.				\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000		\$20,000
Collections Resource Center - Planning and Construction	N	P	AF	AS		G.O.	\$1,820	\$1,000			\$500			\$4,500	\$500
Historic Fort Wayne	M	O	AF	AS		G.O.	\$1,000	\$150					\$500	\$9,500	\$500
Historic Fort Wayne	M	O	AF	AS		O.S.			\$2,000	\$12,000	\$7,000	\$4,000			\$25,000
Dossin Museum - Expansion and Landscaping	M	P	AF	AS		C.C.			\$150						\$150

Total by Funding Source

	<i>Auth Unissued</i>	<i>Budget 2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>	<i>2009-10</i>	<i>Un- Program</i>	<i>5-Year Total</i>
G.O.	\$20,020	\$1,650	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$500	\$32,000	\$3,000
O.S.		\$0	\$2,000	\$17,000	\$12,000	\$9,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$45,000
P.F.		\$0	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$23,000
C.C.		\$0	\$150					\$0	\$150

Total by Agency: Detroit Historical Museum

	<i>Budget 2004-05</i>	<i>2005-06</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>	<i>2009-10</i>	<i>Un- Program</i>	<i>Grand Total</i>
	\$1,650	\$5,150	\$22,000	\$18,500	\$15,000	\$10,500	\$32,000	\$104,800

Project Status: M=project is maintaining current infrastructure; N=project will result in new development

Project Timeline: P=project is proposed; O=project is ongoing; U=project is one time and underway

Impact on Operating Budget: AF=additional funding is required; RF=results in reduction of funding; NOI=no operating impact

Impact on Staffing Budget: AS=additional staffing is required; RS=results in reduction of staffing; NSI=no staffing impact

Impact on Operating Budget \$: annual additional funding or (reduction of funding) to operating budget



Detroit Historical Department Properties

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Source: City of Detroit, Department of Public Works, GIS Data, 2007
Note: This is not a printed map.